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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND,.....1,300,000 Dollars.

## Court of Directors.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—Hon. W. KEEWICK.  
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Chief Manager, Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

Manager, Shanghai, EVEN CAMERON, Esq.  
London Bankers.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

## LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.  
At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.  
" 6 " 4% " "  
" 12 " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,  
Acting Manager,  
Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$800,000.  
RESERVE FUND,.....\$150,000.  
Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

GEORGE PHILIP DARK (DECEASED).

CLAIMS against the above Estate should be sent in to the Undersigned before the 15th of March.

H. F. HANCE,  
Acting Consul,  
Canton, Feb. 25, 1879.

## For sale.

### RECENTLY ARRIVED, AND FOR SALE.

RODGER'S CELEBRATED CUTLERY.  
WATERLOW's and DE LA RUE's STATIONERY.  
DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.  
TABLE GLASSWARE.  
GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.  
CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.  
CABIN SWINGING CANDLE-STICKS.  
SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation).  
TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.  
ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.  
MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.  
COPPER WIRE GAUZE.  
SPIRIT LEVELS.  
INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, Assorted Sizes.  
INSERTION RUBBER, Assorted Sizes.  
INDIA RUBBER DOOR MATS.  
INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE.  
CANVAS DELIVERY HOSE.  
LEATHER BELTING.

A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS.

INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

PRESERATION BOOKS,

NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS,

by First-class Composers,

OPERAS, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERRIES.

Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

CHATEAU DE FRANDS.

(A fine full-flavoured Breakfast CLARET.)

BRANDIES, GIN,

LIQUEURS,

ALES,

&c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 19th March, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,

An Invoice of

OLEOGRAPHS and CHROMO-

LITHOGRAPHS.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 15, 1879. mrl9

LAND AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction,

ON

SATURDAY,

the 22nd March, at Noon,—

INLAND LOT, No. 173, measuring

about 5½ Feet by 47 Feet, and having

frontages on Wellington, Graham, and

Gutzlaff Streets.

There is Room to erect Four Chinese Houses.

The Crown Rent is \$44.51.

The central position of this Lot makes it a most desirable investment.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase Money on the fall of the hammer, the remainder on completion of the Transfer. Expenses of Transfer to be borne by the Purchaser.

Hongkong, March 11, 1879. mrl2

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,

Situates at East Point, Hongkong, now

in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE

PIECES of GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781

and 782, with the Substantially Built

DWELLING House and BUSINESS PRE-

RIESSES, erected specially for the purpose

only a few years since, together with the

MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS,

STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FIT-

TINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to

Messrs. SHARP, TOLLE, and

JOHNSON,

Solicitors, Supreme Court House,

Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 8, 1879.

## Intimations.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE AGENTS FOR

CURCIER and ADETS' CLARETS.  
COUVROISIER'S BRANDY.  
CHUBBS' SAFFES.  
WHITEHEAD'S STOUT.  
VAN HOOGEN'S GIN.  
FOSTER'S BOTTLED ALE and STOUT.  
SILVER LIGHT LAMPS.

TEACHER'S WHISKY.  
CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.  
THE NEW LIFE JACKET.  
LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS, OVER-

LAND MAIL, and THE HOME NEWS.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Beg to call Special Attention to the following Departments:—

#### COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT:

ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

#### SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT:

BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, ORNAMENTAL HOUSE or GARDEN FITTINGS, FURNITURE, PIANOS, MEDICINES, BILLIARD TABLES, ARMS, &c., &c., ordered from ENGLAND, at a Commission (all trade discounts being allowed) on the hold down cost, of 6 per cent. on amounts over, and 10 per cent. on amounts under \$100.

#### FORWARDING AGENCY:

PACKAGES of CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any Address in the UNITED KINGDOM by each P. & O. Mail. Charges in full collected either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

#### EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN

THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT,  
Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Moon of the Fourth Year of KIANG-SU (9th October, 1878).

Haiquan Taels 1,750,000—Shanghai Taels 1,649,500 Stock.

In Bonds of Shanghai Taels 500 each, bearing Interest from 11th April, 1879.

The First Instalment of Interest being payable on 5th October, 1879, in

HONGKONG and SHANGHAI.

The Bonds are redeemable at PAR WITHIN SIX YEARS (1884) by HALF-YEARLY (ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR) DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

#### PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby invites SUBSCRIPTIONS for SHANGHAI TAELS 1,787,000 of 8 PER CENT. Bonds at the issue PRICE OF PAR, payable as follows:—

SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.

90 " 15 days after allotment.

100

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of Shanghai Taels eight per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai.

The first payment of interest on the full amount of each Bond will be payable on 5th October, 1879, at the above-mentioned places.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within six years (1884) by 11 half-yearly Drawings, commencing 5th October, 1879, of Shanghai Taels 162,500 each, the balance of the Loan, Shanghai Taels 162,

## To Let.

TO LET.  
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.—  
East—GROUND FLOOR, consisting of OFFICES, COMRADE'S QUARTERS, and GODOWNS.  
West—A RESIDENCE, with Business Accommodation, complete.  
Gas and WATER laid on.  
Each of these Premises can be Let in whole or in apartments.

Apply to  
E. R. BELLIOS,  
Hongkong, March 11, 1879. apl

## TO LET.

G R E E N M O U N T,  
Possession on or before 15th May.  
Apply to  
GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

## TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.

Apply to  
LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

## TO LET.

OFFICES on the FIRST FLOOR, No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Apply to  
J. NOBLE,  
No. 8, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, March 13, 1879. apl13

## TO LET.

IN the House on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue House, situated on Praya East.—

FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2 and 4, Praya East.

## As also,

A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Verandah. Immediate Possession.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, Marine Lot 65.

## Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber ready on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

## TO BE LET.

On Shameen—Canton.

THE SPACIOUS PREMISES lately occupied by Messrs OLYPHANT & Co., Comprising: DWELLING HOUSE, with GODOWNS, TEA and SILK ROOMS attached.

For Particulars, apply to  
EDWARD DAVIS,  
Canton.  
Canton, March 12, 1879. apl12

## TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to  
TURNER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.

Apply to  
WO HANG,  
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. F. GROBLIN in our Firm CHASES To-day.

SANDER & Co.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1879. apl

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINGENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. apl1

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the *Chinese Mail*, 江字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), changed from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Reference to the above, the Under-signed has LEASED the *Chinese Mail*, 江字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEXON YOON CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG CHIN,  
Lessee of the *Hongkong Chinese Mail*,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1879.

## Notices to Consignees

BRITISH BARQUE GOLDEN FLEECE, FROM CAPE TOWN.

THE above-named Vessel having brought forward the whole of the unsold portion of the Cargo of the British Barque Robert Henderson, from LONDON to HONGKONG.—All Consignees of the Robert Henderson's Cargo are hereby informed that a General Average Bond which requires their Signature is now lying at our Office.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GILMAN & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, March 12, 1879. apl13

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. GENTIEN having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1879. apl21

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES,

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Ex "Ava."

H. J. A. H. (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.

J. H. H. No. 14, Order, 1 case Hosiery, from London.

B. S. M. H. (in cross) No. 157067, Order, 2 bales Woollens, from London.  
Hongkong, March 16, 1879.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. India, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignee, before To-day, the 7th instant, at 3 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 14th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crews of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

LARS, British barque; Capt. T. Brown. Edward Scheilhass & Co.

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Capt. D. Bradford—Meyer & Co.

CRAGIE LEE, British barque, Capt. A. L. Winter—Butterfield & Swire.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH, German brig, Capt. A. H. Kromke—Wiesler & Co.

GOLDEN FLEECE, British barque, Capt. James Withers—Gilmam & Co.

MARY WHITRIDGE, American ship, Capt. Bery F. Outler—Russell & Co.

ONEIDA, British ship, Captain S. Clyma. Gibb, Livingston & Co.

FLEURS CASTLE, British steamer, Capt. Jno. Kidder—Adamson Bell & Co.

## 10-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling of the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "MENMUIR".

Captain DANKE, 21st, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, March 17, 1879. apl13

## FROM HAMBURG AND LONDON.

THE British Ship Oneida having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 17, 1879. apl13

## To-day's Advertisements.

IN THE VICE-ADMIRALTY COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN RE THE "YANGTSZE."

Promovant—Kwok Ayong.

Respondent—SCHULZ, Master.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by G. B. PLUNKETT, Registrar.

Hongkong, March 17, 1879. apl13

## FROM HAMBURG.

The 41 German Schooner "FORMOSA,"

Burgwardt, Master.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 17, 1879. apl13

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING

RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

THE S. S. GAEILIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of April, 1879, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 31st March. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 17, 1879. apl13

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

MARCH 15, Oneida, British ship, 2288, S. Clyma, Algoa Bay Dec. 23, Iron, Flints and Ballast.—CAPTAIN.

MARCH 16, Louise, British schooner, 280, Simons, Amoy March 15.—GILMAN & CO.

MARCH 16, Statu, Norwegian barque, 581, Aschehoug, Keelung March 13, Coal.—DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO.

MARCH 16, Emrys, Spanish steamer, 222, Blanca, Manila March 13, General.—REMEDIO & CO.

MARCH 16, Yangtze, British steamer, from Canton.

MARCH 16, Loudon Castle, British steamer, 1873, Marshall, Saigon March 18, Rice.—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

MARCH 16, Diamond, British steamer, 514, H. Lee, Amoy March 16, General.—RUSSELL & CO.

MARCH 16, Rajanattanahar, British s.s., 933, G. T. Hopkins, Bangkok March 7, Rice and General.—YUEN FAH HONG.

MARCH 16, Yotlung, British steamer, 286, S. W. Goggin, Swatow March 15, General.—KWOK ACHONG.

MARCH 17, Chinkiang, British steamer, 709, S. M. Orr, Shanghai March 14, General.—SIEMENS & CO.

MARCH 17, Flora Castle, British steamer, 1822, Jno. Kidder, Saigon March 13, Rice.

MARCH 17, Diamond, from Manila, 200, ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

MARCH 17, H. M. S. Vigilant, from Canton.

## DEPARTURES.

MARCH 16, Morning Star, for Bangkok.

MARCH 16, Jas. Shepherd, for Cebu.

We do not know who is responsible for the slippish and haphazard system which is thus exposed by blunders of the most serious nature. If the telegram supplied to Reuter's subscribers in Hong-kong is correct, then our friends in Shanghai have grave reason to complain; if, as we trust, the Shanghai news is the correct one, then we have been mourning over a defeat which turns out to have been a victory. Who is to blame for the liberties thus taken with our national sympathies?

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")  
(For E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

LONDON, 16th March, 1879.

The Marriage of the Duke of Connaught and Princess Louise took place at Windsor on the 13th instant, in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen.

## THE CAFE.

Tenders have been invited for the construction of an African Cable.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer in reply to a question, stated that it was not intended to supersede Lord Chelmsford.

## TURKEY.

It is stated that the British Government is disposed to recommend the Sultan to employ Englishmen to administer the finances if they are asked for.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

FRANCE MAILS left Saigon at 7 a.m. of 17th March.  
ENGLISH MAILS left Singapore in *Khiva* on the 16th March.  
AMERICAN MAILS were to leave Yokohama on 18th March.

THE P. & O. S. S. *Khiva* left Singapore for this port yesterday morning (the 16th).

We are informed by the Agent that the M. M. S. S. *Anadyr*, with the next French Mails, left Saigon this morning (17th) at 7 o'clock.

THE AMERICAN SHIP *Paul Revere*, Captain Mullin, arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 8th instant.

THE BRITISH BARQUE *Corea*, Capt. Pearce, arrived at Manila from Hongkong on the 10th instant.

THE SPANISH STEAMER *Emay*, on her last trip from Hongkong to Manila, experienced very rough weather, during which she lost her boats.

IT will be observed, from the Chefoo Correspondence of the *N. Y. D. News*, that the *Bentuatha* was wrecked about ten miles from Chefoo.

THE WORK along the sea-wall is proceeding in good earnest; the road is open at several points and presents an unusually busy appearance. The road, of course, is necessarily dirty, but the scene of bustle promises us a pleasant promenade for the future.

THE MANILA *Comercio* says:—"We hear that the Imperial Government has decided that Spanish correspondence hitherto carried by the P. & O. Co.'s steamers to Singapore, will be in future carried by the French steamers of the Messageries Maritimes. We know not when this change will commence."

CHARLES EDWARD TADHUNTER, cook of the British barque *James Shepherd*, was charged at the Marine Court with wilfully remaining behind from his ship. Defendant admitted the charge, saying that he was sure that, after what had occurred, he should not have been comfortable on board, as he had got drunk occasionally and his work went wrong. He was sent to 4 weeks' hard labour.

AN INQUEST was held this afternoon on the body of a Chinese female child, aged 6 years, who was accidentally drowned by falling from a junk. The deceased had, it appears, been playing with several other children, when she fell over the side and was not observed until too late. The Jury, comprising Messrs. J. Anthony, J. M. Bates, and K. Beattie, returned a verdict of accidental death.

WE are desirous to state that the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court fixed to commence to-morrow will be adjourned until Friday next. Jurors and witnesses need not attend the Court until Thursday morning at 10 a.m., when their attendance will be required. The adjournment has been rendered necessary in order that a case of collision between the junk *Sun Hop Lee* and the steamer *Xenite* may be tried to-morrow.

SAYS A CONTEMPORARY:—"A Railway passenger, who travelled on the B. B. & C. I. line from Daimaud to Saigon on Sunday night last, informs us that he saw a Hindoo of high birth, attended by several Peo-

dies and other servants, enter a carriage at Daimaud and get out at the Bassan station. He was well dressed and apparently in good circumstances; but his face being close-shaven, and the dress evidently a disguise, all attempts even on the part of an old acquaintance baffled recognition for a time. Our informant eventually ascertained that the man in disguise was no other than Mr. Naseer Kassowjee, who is at present so much wanted in Bombay, and for whose arrest a warrant has been issued by the Chief Presidency Magistrate."

—*Rangoon Gazette.*

CAPT. A. J. Loftus returned from the mouth of the Bang-pa-kong river last week. We hear that he has placed 5 beacons in position, to guide vessels entering that river. This is another of the acts of the Siamese Government in the interests of commerce. A thorough survey of the coasts of the gulf of Siam is a necessity, and will be immensely advantageous to the expansion of the commerce of Siam. The fact that portions of that coast do not belong to Siam, would be very poor reason why Siamese surveying vessels should not visit these portions of the coast and fix definitely the position of real dangers that may lie in the track of vessels bound to Siam for commercial or other purposes.

CAPT. D. B. Stoeke, U. S. Consul, left for Singapore on the American schooner *Alice C. Dickerman* on Saturday last. The Consul's health has been failing for several weeks and the trip was taken by command of his physician. He expects to return to Bangkok in a few weeks.—*Siam Weekly Advertiser*, Feb. 27.

THE LONDON LETTER of the *Ceylon Observer*, dated 17th January, contains the following paragraph respecting Baron Overbeck's cession of territory:—"The Foreign Office is still occupied with its enquiry into the proposals of Baron Overbeck and Mr. Dent relative to their Borneo scheme. Of course, they are careful not to allow much to transpire as to their intention, but I have learned enough to assure me that they are decidedly unfavourable towards it—at least, so far as concerns the points I have always laid such great stress upon, namely, the claim to rights of sovereignty in the ceded territory. I have not heard as yet, though I hope shortly to do so, if the withdrawal of those claims will induce the Foreign Secretary to give his consent to the remainder of the proposals brought forward. Such limited information as I have been able to obtain rather induces me to think that he is opposed to the enterprise *in toto*; but, as to this, I am quite unable to write you with any positiveness.

RETURN OF VISITORS TO THE CITY HALL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 16TH, 1879:—

	EUROPEAN.	CHINESE.
MONDAY, MARCH 10TH,	66	644
TUESDAY,	54	538
WEDNESDAY,	78	543
THURSDAY,	76	548
FRIDAY,	77	483
SATURDAY,	48	301
SUNDAY,	72	8,157
TOTALS,	461	
GRAND TOTAL,	3,618	

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.  
(Both Magistrates Sitting.)  
17th March, 1879.

YOUNG HOPEFULS.

AN ALI, aged 14, Cheung Atung aged 12, and Cheung Alop aged 13, were charged with stealing a jacket. The methodical manner in which they acted shewed that they were well trained. One of the young rascals snatched the jacket out of a basket belonging to an old woman who obtained her living as a seamstress, and handed it to his brother, who in turn threw it towards the other defendant. The one with the jacket ran off, and the other two, after a tight skirmish, were secured by the neighbours. The two who were trapped, not liking it, and being desirous that their companion should suffer, assisted to point out the 3rd defendant. The mothers of the young rascals appeared in Court, and promised to look after their sons. The 1st defendant was, it appears, convicted of stealing a cat last April, and sentenced to 4 days' imprisonment. The prisoners we are now all sent to 7 days' solitary confinement on rice and water diet, and the fat defendant, who appeared to have been the leader, was further ordered to be flogged 6 strokes on the breech.

BREACH OF THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

LAU Aching and Wong Aft, coolies, were charged with retailing prepared opium without a license; they were further charged with disorderly conduct. Shui Ayn, the informer, proved buying the opium and subsequently going to the defendant's house with a party of police and finding prepared opium and opium pipes. The defendants were not in the house at the time, but were seen shortly afterwards near an opium shop making a great disturbance; they were then arrested. The case was not proved as against the 2nd defendant, but the 1st was fined \$50 or six weeks' hard labour, and the opium was ordered to be given up to the Opium Farmer.

A FALSE CHARGE.

WONG AI, and Mak Aking, married women, were charged with unlawfully detaining a girl named Lou Akam, aged twelve years. Li Aul, the complainant, deposed that the child was here, and that she had never sold her or received any money for her. It subsequently transpired that the complainant had sold the child for \$60 and that to redeem her had sold her son. She tendered \$50 for the child, but the women wanted the \$60. The complainant was then fined \$20, or 3 months' imprisonment, for giving wilful false testimony, and the defendant were discharged.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, second officer of the American ship *B. F. Watson*, was charged with being drunk and in company with two others assaulting P. C. 639. The P. C. had was badly out. Inspector Orley proved arresting the defendant as he was running away. He was fined \$15, or 16 days' imprisonment with hard labour, and if the fine was paid the constable was to receive \$5 damages.

BREACH OF OPIUM REGULATIONS.

CHIO ASAM, a widow, was fined \$10 for conveying opium into the jail contrary to

the regulation. She was taking it to a debtor.

THROWING RUBBISH INTO THE HARBOUR.

LEUNG ALIN, master of a rubbish boat (No. 9), was fined \$5 for throwing rubbish into the harbour.

M. J. D. HUMPHREYS, proprietor Hong-kong Dispensary, was fined 50 cents for ordering his coolies to cut earth near Aberdeen without first having obtained the proper authority.

DRUNKENNESS.

HENRY CROMWELL, seaman American barque *Quickstep*, was fined \$4 or ten days' imprisonment and ordered to pay 70 cents amends, for being drunk and disorderly and breaking up articles in a brothel.

JAMES RAMSEY, seaman American ship *St. Charles*, was fined 50 cents for being drunk and incapable.

JOHN LEVINA, seaman Sailor's Home, was fined \$2 for being drunk and disorderly and assaulting the police.

JOHN OTWELL and WILLIAM GRANT, seamen British ship *Golden Fleet*, were each fined 50 cents for drunkenness.

AN ALLEGED ESCAPED FELON.

CHAN ACHENG, a miner, was charged by Inspector Lindsay, with having escaped from the chain gang about 8 years ago whilst working on the roads near the Taliplangshan Gap. The case was remanded until the 21st instant.

MACAO.

(From a Correspondent.)

We understand that stringent orders have been given by the Macao authorities for the arrest of any boats or steam-launches belonging to the Customs' cutters found in the inner harbour of Macao. One of these boats crossed the harbour on the 13th instant, having on board Captain Walker, Baron do Cereal, and a Lieutenant of the Portuguese Navy named Jose Gomes Felgas, and a police launch was despatched to apprehend, but the corporal in charge, finding on board one of his superior officers, refused to act according to his orders, and he is now in trouble. The *Boletim* just to hand says:—

"His Excellency informs the Harbour Master, 1st Lieutenant of the Navy Julio Elieban Pereira de Sampaio, that he has well done his duty by ordering the Chinese launch to be arrested in the Portuguese waters for having violated the existing rules. His Excellency also approves of the rigorous punishment inflicted on the corporal, who, under a false impression or through ignorance of discipline and the respect due to his superior officer, refused to arrest the Chinese launch with all on board."

The *Boletim* also contains the following tirade against the Baron and Lieutenant Felgas:—

"His Excellency wishes to make known his profound displeasure at the conduct of the Portuguese officers, who were on board the said Chinese launch, and warns them (especially Lieutenant Felgas) that he would have ordered them to be tried by Court Martial for want of patriotism and disobedience of the existing orders, but His Excellency refrains to carry out such extreme measures, believing that a momentary levity made them forget their military duties and the sentiments of national honor."

From the above you will see that the Governor is determined to put down with a strong hand all the abuses of the Customs' cruiser mercenaries.

CHINA.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

THE AMERICAN MAN-OF-WAR *Monocacy*, and H. M. gunboat *Egeria* arrived on Saturday the 18th.

The following laconic but expressive telegram has been received here, and handed to us for publication:—"Washington, 6th March, 1879.—Seward wins."

We have received the programme of the Shanghai Spring Race Meeting, to be held on the 30th April, and 1st and 2nd May next. Eight races are set down for each day.

H. M. corvette *Charybdis*, Capt. Hotham, has proceeded down the river to the Naval Yard to take in stores, and thence she was to go to Woosung to complete for sea. She is said to have now paid her last visit to Shanghai during her present commission, and in the course of a few months, it is believed, she will be homeward bound. Her present destination, we learn, is Japan; after which she will visit the South-China ports and probably await her relief at Singapore. It is said the corvette *Modeste* will be flagship at Shanghai.

It is with a feeling approaching that of satisfaction that we have heard upon reliable authority, that the Viceroy Li Hung-chang has expressed his regret at the "misuse" of a character which has been interpreted to mean that his intention was to include the whole body of merchants in Shanghai in his sweeping denunciation of cheats and swindlers. The Viceroy, however, disclaims to shield himself from the just indignation he has raised under the paltry subterfuge attempted to be foisted upon the Shanghai community by his native and foreign would-be apologists, viz., that the offensive character referred to was only "workmen"—not to "principals." He, it is said, boldly says the character was intended to apply to certain "principals"—to those who "sold him gunpowder" that would not explode when wanted, guns that would burst when not wanted, swords and bayonets which, though Hedge's rascals, were only made to sell, for being so dull and brittle they could not be relied on to cut or thrust with—cotton so clayed that they would hardly stand washing once, & hot genus crine! Things in this regard are, as is reported to have said, better now, and good value in the matter of gunpowder and arms are being supplied; but such having been the fact in not far-distant days, he thought it better to found advice for the future, especially to the native cotton-mill adventurers, on the results of his own experience and the way in which he gained knowledge as to

pitfalls.—We are promised a sight of the original document on an early day.

(Courier.)

The wreck of the *s.s. Taiwan*, lost on the Pescadores, has been bought by a Chinaman at \$1,800.

The C. M. Co.'s *s.s. Haefing*, from Tien-tsin, etc., reports that the steamer *Oasandra*, which had gone ashore at Chefoo, was announced in our issue of 10th instant, has been got off.

We note the arrival by the mail on 12th of Chief Justice French and Mrs. French. The two latter were passengers from Marseilles, and were joined by the Chief Justice at Hongkong.

A dividend for the year 1878, at the rate of nine taels per share in the China Coast Steam Navigation Company, is announced to be payable at the office of the general agents on and after Monday, the 17th instant.

CHEFOO.

(March 8.)

After a few days of extraordinarily fine weather, Chefoo has again been visited by a fierce gale and heavy sea, which caused further disasters amongst the shipping in the neighbourhood. From S. W. S. and S.E., during the preceding days, the wind settled on Thursday, the 27th ult., in the east, and during the greater part of the day and night rain fell steadily. In the early hours of the 28th, the wind took a further shift "higher up," and blew with greatly increased force from N. E. N. and N. W., the changes between these points being very frequent. This also caused a considerable change in the temperature, and everything, wet with the recent rain, was quickly covered with ice.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock a.m. the British barque *Forget-me-not* and the German *S.S. Cassandra* were driven from their anchorages and stranded, the former just at the end of Messrs. Ferguson & Co.'s jetty, and the latter a little more to the north, near the *Teaman's Hall*. The wind continued with unabated violence all through the day, carrying two vessels further on shore, on the afternoon's tide, which was an exceptionally high one again.

Fortunately no further accidents to the shipping occurred, and the wind decreased gradually after nightfall.

The *Forget-me-not* was partly loaded with bacon and peas for Amoy, and the steamer had only a small quantity of cargo, including some peas for Hongkong. Some hopes are entertained of getting the steamer off in a comparatively sound state; but the ship fills with water at high tide and has been condemned.

The sea carried away a portion of the Customs' jetty and threw down the steps, also leaving some other boundary walls, high above its ordinary reach, in a very dilapidated condition.

On Saturday afternoon news was received of the wreck of the British barque *Bentuatha* (with a general cargo from Shanghai), near Lung Mon, and H. M. S. *Gravelle* went early on Sunday morning to render assistance, but there was no hope of saving the vessel. A Naval Court is to be held to enquire into the circumstances attending the wreck; but they seem to be clearly explained as follows:—"The ship was well inside Cape Cod, and unable to escape to the open sea again, when the gale caught her, and the sails, &c., became immovable shortly afterwards by the accumulation of ice, there was no hope but to let go the anchor, but these failed to hold up.

Fears were entertained for the safety of the *Nei-chou-ting* Lightship, which was in company with the *Bentuatha* off the Promontory, but not having made so much headway, she was enabled to get clear of land and arrived here two or three days later.

A vessel arrived a day or two ago bringing a report of another wreck between the Promontory and this port, but though the people going to and from the *Bentuatha* have tried to discover it, there is no definite news yet, and it is to be hoped the report is erroneous.

We are now enjoying fine weather again.

—*Nets.*

THE HONGKONG RACES.

